ALASKA’S INSIDE PASSAGE

AN EXPEDITION ABOARD THE MV ALASKAN DREAM

August 29 to September 7, 2019

a program of the stanford alumni association
A cruise to Alaska was my first trip with Stanford Travel/Study, and being on a small vessel made the trip truly awe-inspiring. I’m delighted, therefore, to invite you to join us on the 32-passenger MV Alaskan Dream, an exclusive Stanford charter that offers our travelers the opportunity to experience the Inside Passage in the best possible way: exploring rarely visited sites by day and recapping our adventures aboard our ship in the evenings with our faculty leader, Rob Jackson, and savvy local naturalists. Ply the waters of Frederick Sound by kayak, and discover Glacier Bay National Park, home to sea lions, mountain goats, bears and more than 250 species of birds, keeping a close watch for summering humpback whales in the glacial waters. Learn about the rich cultural heritage of Alaska, as we visit with the local indigenous people, the Tlingit.

BRET S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

**RELAX** on board as our ship’s captain changes course to make the most of wildlife sightings.

**WATCH** massive icebergs calve into the crystal-blue waters of Tracy Arm and Glacier Bay.

**GAIN** some perspective of Alaska’s heritage while visiting with a local Tlingit community.

**CRUISE** or paddle in pristine bays and sounds while searching for whales, bald eagles and bears.

COVER: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK
ROB JACKSON, who became chair of the earth system science department at Stanford in September of 2016, joined the Stanford faculty in 2014. His lab examines the different ways that people affect the earth, generating basic scientific knowledge and applying that knowledge toward pressing environmental issues, including global warming and energy extraction. His team is currently examining the effects of climate change and droughts on forest mortality and grassland ecosystems. Recently, the group published the first studies on fracking and the quality of drinking water and mapped thousands of natural gas leaks in major U.S. cities. Rob waxes enthusiastically about his work, saying, “I study the earth for a living. What’s better than that? I’ve been lucky enough to work and play in some of the most remote places on the planet.” His research has taken him from Patagonia to the Kalahari Desert and, for pleasure, on rafting trips in Alaska.

— Michelle and Kevin Douglas Provostial Professor, Stanford University, since 2014
— Senior fellow, the Woods Institute for the Environment and the Precourt Institute for Energy, Stanford University, since 2014
— Chair, Global Carbon Project, since 2014
— BS, chemical engineering, 1983, Rice University
— MS, ecology, 1990, and MS, statistics, 1992—both Rice University
— PhD, ecology, 1992, Utah State University

STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

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OR BY PHONE: (650) 725-1093
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29
HOME / KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

Arrive in Ketchikan, known as Alaska’s “First City” (the earliest incorporated city in the state) and the “Salmon Capital of the World.” Gather this evening for a welcome reception and dinner at our hotel. CAPE FOX LODGE (D)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30
KETCHIKAN / EMBARK

This morning learn about Ketchikan’s rich history while visiting the Totem Heritage Center and the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center. Independently explore the Tongass Historical Museum and stroll along Creek Street, once frequented by loggers, miners and fishermen during the town’s often-lawless gold rush era that began in the late 1880s. Board our ship and settle in to our home for the next eight nights. MV ALASKAN DREAM (B,D)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31
MISTY FJORDS / METLAKATLA

Glide past the 3,000-foot-high glacier-sculpted cliffs of Misty Fjords, discovering its natural history as we stand on deck viewing glistening waterfalls, listening to the calls of seabirds and being awed by the famous New Eddystone Rock, a stunning volcanic core. In the afternoon, learn of the extraordinary history, art and cultural traditions of the Metlakatla Indian Community on Annette Island. Visit a traditional Tsimshian longhouse, enjoy a ceremonial dance performance and meet with native artists. MV ALASKAN DREAM (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
KASAAN / THORNE BAY

Today we stop at Kasaan, located on an inlet on the eastern side of Prince of Wales Island, renowned for its high concentration of black bears. Walk on enchanted forest paths lined with intricately carved totem poles to the Chief Son-i-Hat Whale House, the only remaining traditional Haida longhouse in the U.S. Cruising farther north along the island’s eastern shore, experience the frontier spirit of Alaska’s timber years on a tour of Thorne Bay, once the largest logging camp in the world. Meet with resident artisans and enjoy a walking tour of the town, during which we might see some of the island’s fauna. MV ALASKAN DREAM (B,L,D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
WRANGLELL / FREDERICK SOUND

Home to a little more than 2,000 permanent residents, Wrangell is the only town in Alaska to have been under the jurisdiction of three flags and ruled by four nations: the Tlingit, Russia, England and the U.S. Take advantage of several options to explore this colorful history, including a walking tour and a trip to the Wrangell Museum, or a visit to the State Historic Park and Petroglyph Beach, which contains the highest concentration of petroglyphs in Southeast Alaska. Back aboard ship, watch for humpback whales and other marine mammals in the world-renowned whale waters of Frederick Sound, or take an optional jet boat excursion up the Stikine River, North America’s fastest free-flowing navigable river. MV ALASKAN DREAM (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
TRACY ARM FJORD

Enjoy a lecture this morning before exploring Tracy Arm Fjord, an area John Muir referred to as “a wild, unfinished Yosemite.” Trace the faces of sheer granite cliffs that rise to 4,000 feet looking for nesting birds, watch pristine waterfalls tumble down to the emerald green water and observe the exquisite sculpting on some of Alaska’s largest icebergs. The fjord is home to brown and black bears, deer, wolves, harbor seals, and birds such as guillemots and arctic terns. Ice conditions permitting, we’ll navigate the entire length of Tracy Arm, stopping to view both the
Sawyer and South Sawyer Glaciers and possibly catching sight of mountain goats near the base of Sawyer Glacier. Additionally, skiff excursions are available to allow us to see the majesty of the fjord closer and in greater detail.

MV ALASKAN DREAM (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 JUNEAU / ORCA POINT LODGE
Spend today exploring the scenic highlights of Juneau, Alaska’s capital, and viewing the world-famous Mendenhall Glacier, 12 miles north of the city. In downtown Juneau, enjoy free time to visit the Alaska State Museum, the Juneau-Douglas City Museum and the Alaska State Capitol or take in stunning panoramic views while rising 1,800 feet above the city aboard the Mount Roberts Tramway. Or perhaps delve deeper into local native culture viewing exhibits, art displays and a clan house at the Walter Soboleff Center. Our day’s adventure ends with a relaxing evening at Orca Point Lodge.

MV ALASKAN DREAM (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 GLACIER BAY
Spend today in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, a treasure trove of natural wonders. It’s home to glaciers and snowcapped mountains and is teeming with wildlife, including brown and black bears, Steller sea lions, mountain goats, whales and birds—more than 250 species of birds have been recorded in Glacier Bay National Park. One of today’s highlights is the Margerie Glacier, known for its dramatic calving displays. Watching from our ship’s sun deck, fully experience “white thunder” as immense spires of ice separate from a glacier and crash into the tidal waters. Joining us for the day to enrich our experience on one of the world’s most fascinating bodies of water are a Glacier Bay National Park service ranger and a native Huna Tlingit interpretive naturalist.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 INIAN ISLANDS
Discover the serenity of the raw wilderness of Southeast Alaska’s many remote coves, bays and inlets as we take advantage of several excursion options today. Depending on conditions, these may include a coastline kayak paddle, up-close whale encounters from aboard ship, a hike through a dense old-growth forest—or tracking the movements of a foraging bear from the safety of a skiff. Visit the Inian Islands Institute, a nonprofit organization founded by Stanford alumni to educate and inspire rising environmental leaders. Gather tonight before dinner for a farewell reception with fellow travelers.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 SITKA / DISEMBARK / HOME
After breakfast, disembark in Sitka, rich in Alaska’s native and Russian history and the only community in Southeast Alaska that faces the open ocean waters of the Gulf of Alaska. Transfer to the Sitka airport for flights home.

NOTE: Due to the expeditionary nature of our voyage, the ship’s schedule may change to adapt to the vagaries of weather and ice.
**MV Alaskan Dream**

At 104 feet in length, the MV Alaskan Dream features an innovative, streamlined catamaran design that allows the vessel to easily navigate narrow channels and passages. All 20 cabins have extra-large viewing windows. The Vista View Lounge offers spectacular views of the scenery, ports and wildlife as we dine and as our ship forges its way along coasts and into bays, fjords and sounds.

**Program Cost**

Rates are per person, based on double or single occupancy, as specified.

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*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add $300 per person. **Single accommodations are limited.
**D A T E S**  
August 29 to September 7, 2019 (10 days)

**S I Z E**  
This program can accommodate 32 participants. Single accommodations are extremely limited; please call for availability.

**I N C L U D E D**  
- 1 night of accommodations in Ketchikan  
- 8-night cruise aboard the MV Alaskan Dream  
- 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 9 dinners  
- Welcome and farewell receptions  
- Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers and ship’s crew for all group activities  
- All tours and shore excursions as described in the itinerary  
- Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days  
- Port fees and embarkation taxes  
- Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance  
- Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information  
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

**N O T I N C L U D E D**  
- International and U.S. domestic airfare  
- Passport and visa fees  
- Immunization costs  
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included  
- Independent and private transfers  
- Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance  
- Excess-baggage charges  
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

**A I R A R R A N G E M E N T S**  
You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you information with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

**W H A T T O E X P E C T**  
We consider this program to be moderately active. Participants should be prepared to walk over uneven ground for up to two miles. During the cruise, many excursions and landings require guests to board inflatable boats. Bear in mind that weather in Alaska can change quickly, especially in the parks and reserves. Travelers will have ample opportunity to take in the beautiful Alaskan scenery from the comfort of our ship. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

**Deposit & Final Payment**  
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space on this program. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?alaska2019 or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

**Cancellations & Refunds**  
Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

**Insurance**  
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.

**Eligibility**  
We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. A person traveling as a guest paid for by a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

**Responsibility**  
The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motor coach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely. It is understood that the ship’s ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. Neither the Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect in December 2018 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.
This trip was extremely well-organized and had excellent service, smart and interesting travelers, and access to special events and people that we would never have had access to or awareness of if we had traveled on our own.

SUSAN TERMOHLEN, JD ’81, ALASKA’S INSIDE PASSAGE, 2018